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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Philip P.M. Finch
Eric R. Cosman

Examiner: Unknown

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Serial No: To Be Assigned

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For: APPARATUS FOR THERMAL TREATMENT
OF AN INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [] design patent application in this case including:

1. [] This application is a [] Continuation; [] Divisional [] Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ [entire genealogy should be set forth].
2. [X] This application claims priority from Provisional Application No. 60/171,822, filed December 21, 1999.
3. [X] The application consisting of 22 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. [X] 2 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
 - a. [] formal; or
 - b. [X] informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. [] A signed declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.
6. [X] A declaration and power of attorney is not enclosed at this time since it has not been executed by the inventor(s). A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.

The inventor(s) are: Philip P.M. Finch
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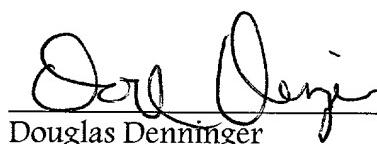
7. An Assignment of the invention to Sherwood Services AG is enclosed.
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8. Amend the specification such that the first line reads as follows:
(entire genealogy should be set forth): --
9. The Application filing fee is calculated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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